

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
HIGH COST GRANTS
FOR STUDENTS IN
OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND IN-DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS OR PROGRAMS**

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HIGH COST OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND IN-DISTRICT GRANTS

Section 22-20-114.5(5), C.R.S., as amended, requires the Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee to submit an annual report to the House and Senate Education Committees that includes, at a minimum, a list of the administrative units that applied for and received a high cost grant during the preceding budget year. This report covers costs from 2007-08, paid in 2008-09.

Two million dollars was appropriated under the Exceptional Children's Educational Act to reimburse administrative units for students in high cost out-of-district placements or programs. This represents the first year that an additional two million dollars was appropriated to reimburse administrative units for high cost students being served within the administrative unit. For the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Fiscal Advisory Committee set the threshold for reimbursement at \$40,000 per student for high cost out-of-district placements and at \$25,000 per student for in-district high cost placements.

Using the same, uniform process as in the previous two years, the Committee reviewed applications from administrative units and determined which grant applications to approve and the amounts to be awarded after applicable revenues were deducted from the costs submitted for reimbursement. In making these decisions, the Committee determined the impact of each student claimed on the district's audited expenditures. What follows is a summary of the applications received:

2007-2008

▪ Grant Applications Submitted:

- 94 for out-of-district high cost students
- 415 for in-district high cost students

▪ Number of Applications Funded:

- The \$2 million appropriated for out-of-district high cost students funded 33 (35%) of the 94 students
- The \$2 million appropriated for in-district high cost students funded 63 (15%) of the 415 students

- **Number of Administrative Units Receiving Funding:**
 - 23 administrative units submitted applications for out-of-district high cost students; 14 administrative units received funding for all or some of the applications submitted.
 - 26 administrative units submitted applications for in-district high cost students; 15 administrative units received funding for all or some of the applications submitted.

- **Funding Need:**
 - The appropriation to fully fund the high cost out-of-district students, costing over \$40,000, would have been \$5,608,007.
 - The appropriation to fully fund the high cost in-district students, costing over \$25,000, would have been \$11,206,350.

3-YEAR SUMMARY OF HIGH COST OUT-OF-DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS

Within the three years of funding high cost students, the number of applicants submitted doubled from year one to year three. With \$2 million appropriated each year and the number of applicants significantly increasing each year, the percentage of funded students declined, while the unfunded students increased.

The largest category of both funded and unfunded students by disability is Multiple Disability, followed by Autism. The applicants submitted have remained consistent by type of disability reported for high cost students.

IN-DISTRICT HIGH COST ALLOCATIONS

The largest number of applications submitted have been with students being served within the administrative unit. This is the first year that allocations have been available for this category. administrative units submitted 415 applications, with 63 high cost students being funded the first year.

**HIGH COST GRANTS FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IN
OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS OR PROGRAMS**

High Cost Grants for Special Education Students in Out-of-District Placements or Programs, by Administrative Unit

Administrative Unit	Amount Funded	Amount Not Funded
Adams 1, Mapleton	\$241,741	
Adams 12, Northglenn/Thornton		\$587,272
Adams 14, Commerce City	\$318,469	
Adams 50, Westminster	\$128,643	
Arapahoe 5, Cherry Creek		\$994,383
Arapahoe 6, Littleton	\$235,672	\$242,807
Adams/Arapahoe 28J, Aurora		\$626,077
Boulder RE-1J, St Vrain	\$100,676	
Boulder RE-2, Boulder		\$130,350
Denver 1, Denver		\$457,686
El Paso 8, Fountain/Ft. Carson	\$ 39,517	
El Paso 11, Colorado Springs		\$178,599
El Paso 20, Academy		\$ 68,154
El Paso 49, Falcon		\$ 33,412
Ft. Lupton/Keenesburg Consortium	\$148,108	
Jefferson R-1		\$289,268
Larimer R-2J, Loveland	\$222,289	
Montrose RE-1J	\$ 83,989	
Weld RE-4, Windsor	\$ 39,372	
Centennial BOCES	\$100,517	
East Central BOCES	\$189,112	
Mount Evans BOCES	\$ 65,911	
Ute Pass BOCES	\$ 85,986	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$3,608,007

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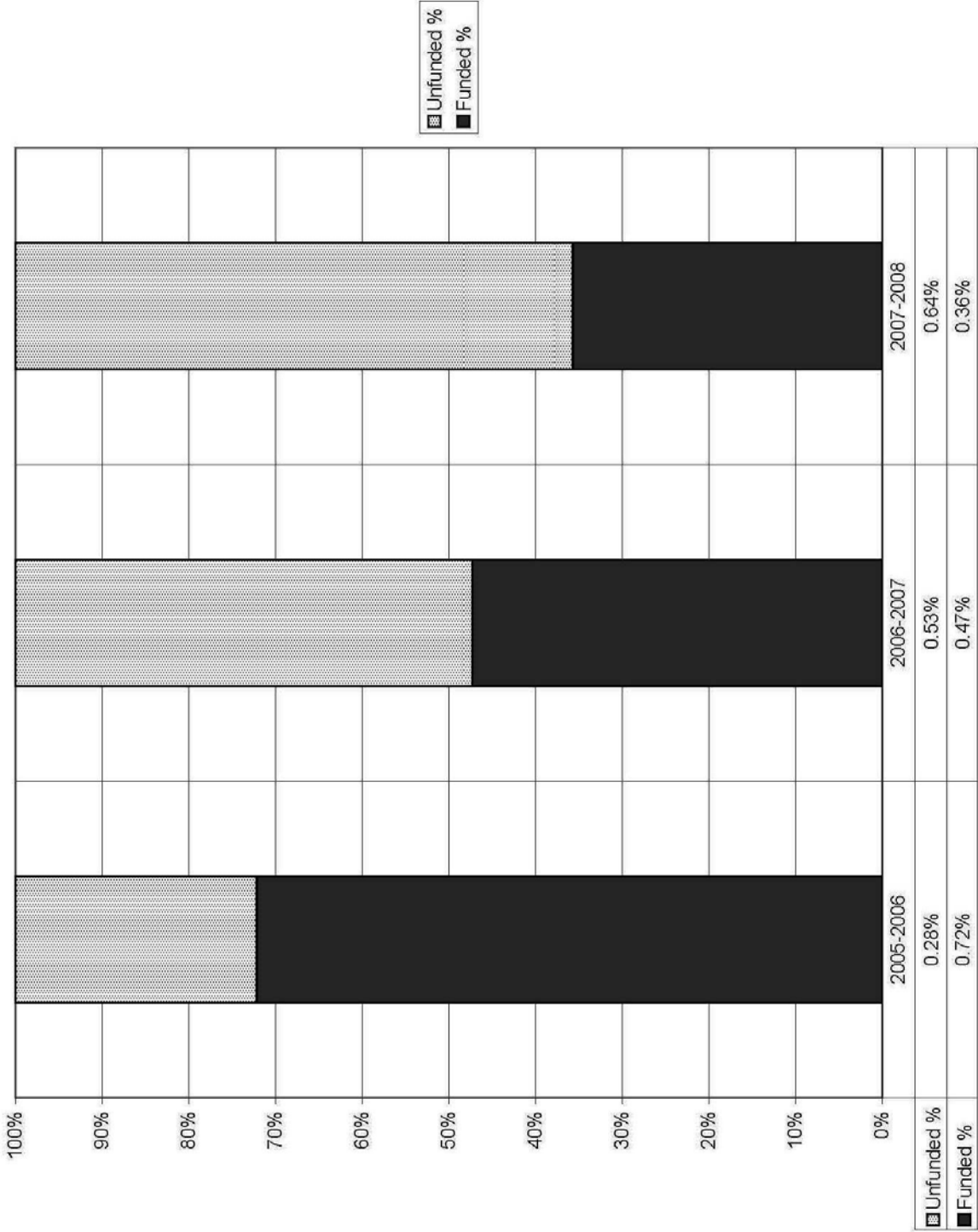
3-Year Comparison of High Cost Grants for Special Education Students in Out-of-District Placements or Programs, by Disability

2005-2006 OOD High Cost Allocations After Revenues Deducted					
<u>Disability</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Total Amount Requested</u>	<u>Students Funded</u>	<u>Students Unfunded</u>
Autism	\$ 378,350	\$ 86,156	\$ 464,506	6	2
Deaf/Blind	\$ 120,882	\$ -	\$ 120,882	2	-
Emotional	\$ 326,391	\$ -	\$ 326,391	5	-
Multiple	\$ 1,038,876	\$ 536,820	\$ 1,575,697	13.44	11.56
Physical	\$ 33,384	\$ -	\$ 33,384	1.00	-
SLIC	\$ 102,117	\$ 40,628	\$ 142,746	2	1
Unidentified	\$ -	\$ 108,587	\$ 108,587	-	2
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 772,192	\$ 2,772,192	29.44	16.56

2006-2007 OOD High Cost Allocations After Revenues Deducted					
<u>Disability</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Total Amount Requested</u>	<u>Students Funded</u>	<u>Students Unfunded</u>
Autism	\$ 645,501	\$ 324,160	\$ 969,661	8	5
Deaf/Blind	\$ 46,983	\$ -	\$ 46,983	1	-
Emotional	\$ 267,129	\$ 145,665	\$ 412,794	4	3
Hearing	\$ 43,506	\$ -	\$ 43,506	1	-
Multiple	\$ 767,171	\$ 1,377,839	\$ 2,145,010	12.49	25.51
Physical	\$ 108,104	\$ 93,147	\$ 201,251	2.00	2.00
SLIC	\$ 56,594	\$ 292,819	\$ 349,413	1	5
Traumatic Brain Injury	\$ 65,013	\$ -	\$ 65,013	1	-
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,233,630	\$ 4,233,630	30.49	40.51

2007-2008 OOD High Cost Allocations After Revenues Deducted					
<u>Disability</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Unfunded</u>	<u>Total Amount Requested</u>	<u>Students Funded</u>	<u>Students Unfunded</u>
Autism	\$ 476,718	\$ 851,335	\$ 1,328,053	5.9	14.1
Deaf/Blind	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Emotional	\$ 270,175	\$ 321,179	\$ 591,354	5.0	5.0
Hearing	\$ 83,989	\$ 68,700	\$ 152,690	2.0	1.0
Multiple	\$ 1,004,917	\$ 1,976,522	\$ 2,981,439	17.0	35.0
Physical	\$ 99,713	\$ 42,152	\$ 141,866	2.0	1.0
SLIC	\$ -	\$ 348,119	\$ 348,119	-	5.0
Traumatic Brain Injury	\$ 64,488	\$ -	\$ 64,488	1.0	-
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,608,007	\$ 5,608,007	32.9	61.10

3-Year Comparison of High Cost Out-of-District Placements or Programs, Funded and Unfunded Percentages



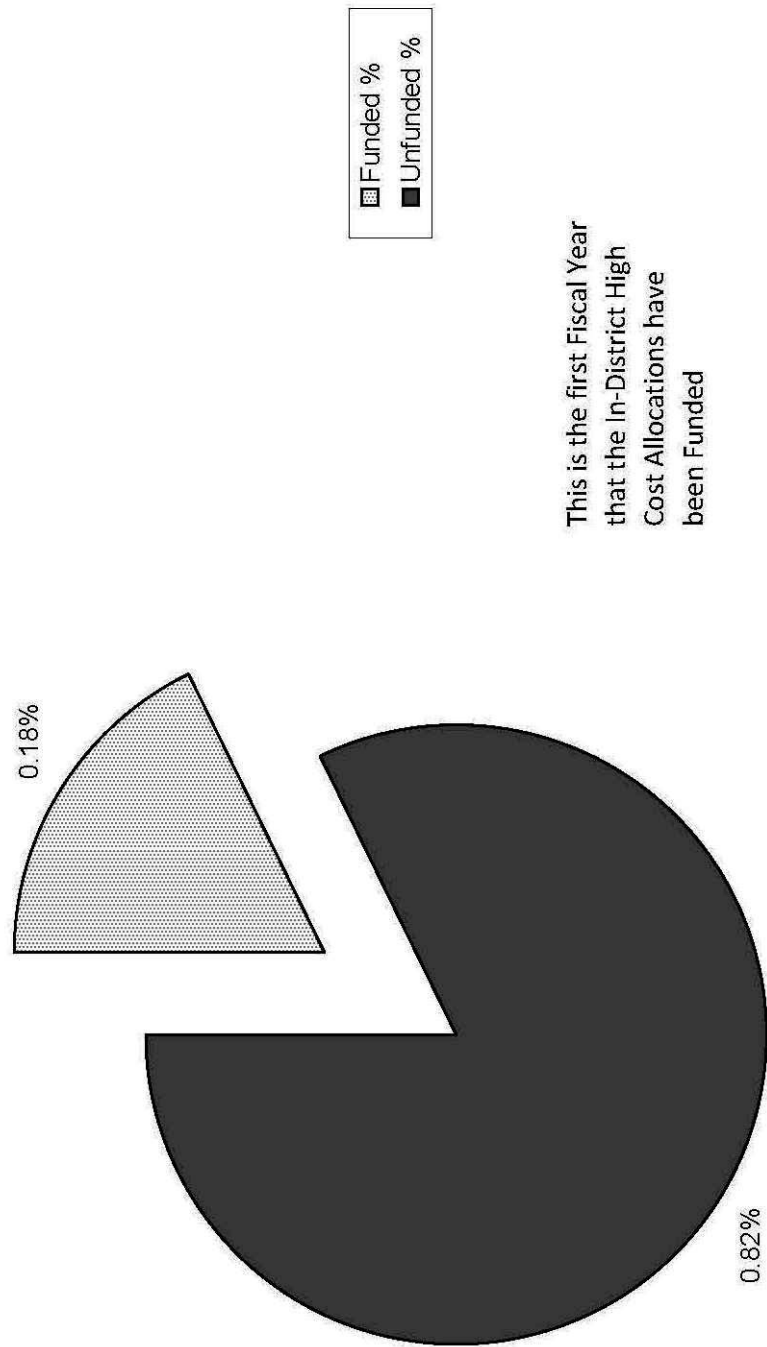
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Administrative Unit	Amount Funded	Amount Not Funded
Adams 12, Northglenn/Thornton		\$1,832,453
Adams 14, Commerce City		\$ 247,561
Arapahoe 1, Englewood	\$ 41,439	
Arapahoe 2, Sheridan	\$122,125	
Arapahoe 5, Cherry Creek		\$ 169,297
Arapahoe 6, Littleton		\$ 356,307
Boulder RE-2, Boulder		\$4,769,839
Delta 50, Delta		\$ 174,314
Denver 1, Denver		\$ 939,812
El Paso 2, Harrison		\$ 193,986
El Paso 8, Fountain/Ft. Carson	\$ 75,673	\$ 15,771
El Paso 11, Colorado Springs		\$ 113,162
El Paso 12, Cheyenne Mountain	\$269,967	\$ 29,265
El Paso 20, Academy		\$ 103,408
Ft. Lupton/Keenesburg Consortium	\$ 70,228	\$ 4,650
Larimer R-1, Poudre	\$ 94,600	
Larimer R-3, Estes Park	\$ 65,332	
Mesa 51, Grand Junction		\$ 71,565
East Central BOCES	\$ 80,674	
Mountain BOCES	\$656,478	\$ 184,960
Northeast BOCES	\$ 42,049	
Rio Blanco BOCES	\$ 43,173	
San Juan BOCES	\$ 64,396	
Southeastern BOCES	\$ 99,203	
Uncompahgre BOCES	\$104,771	
Ute Pass BOCES	\$169,892	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$9,206,350

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2007-2008 High Cost In-District Placements or Programs, Funded and Unfunded Percentages





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